

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 655 - SB 1281

March 16, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that all vehicles purchased or leased with funds appropriated by the state for the use by any department, office, or agency of the state to display a vehicle abuse hotline decal. Requires the decal to contain a telephone number or website information through which complaints regarding potential misuse of a state vehicle can be submitted. Requires the Department of General Services (DGS) to establish and maintain such hotline and website for the purpose of reporting abuse of state vehicles, and to further establish procedures for notifying departments, offices, and agencies of the state regarding any complaints received. Requires the DGS to respond to each individual who has submitted a complaint under this section no later than 15 days after receipt of such complaint with any actions taken or comments resulting from the complaint. Requires any cost incurred from this bill be provided within the existing resources of the DGS. An effective date of July 1, 2017.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$11,000/FY17-18
\$1,100/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of General Services (DGS), there are approximately 5,500 state-owned and leased vehicles that would currently require a decal.
- In addition, the state adds approximately 550 new vehicles to the fleet each year to replace older vehicles being removed from the fleet.
- Each decal is estimated to cost \$2.
- An increase in state expenditures in FY17-18 of \$11,000 (5,500 x \$2).
- A recurring increase in state expenditures beginning in FY18-19 of \$1,100 (550 x \$2).
- Based on the information provided by the DGS, there will be no significant impact to the department to establish a hotline or accept and respond to complaints made to the department regarding abuse of state-owned or leased vehicles.
- The legislation specifically requires the DGS to use existing resources to fund any cost resulting from passage of this bill. However, requiring the DGS to fund the implementation of this legislation utilizing existing resources does not remove the cost associated with implementation because use of existing funding will result in the need

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for additional resources to fund other currently-budgeted departmental expenditures. As a result, it is assumed that appropriations from the General Fund will be required.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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